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Appointment of Arthur Shwab as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term of confirmation to July 22, 2010.

# The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

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## Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
9/28/09	3-0 NC, JG, TR	9/23/09
		(CH)

Related Legislation File: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Introduced and Referred: 8.10.09	To: (committee): Culture, Civil Rights, Health + Personnel
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date of Final Action: 9.28.09	Disposition: Confirmed

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. \_\_\_\_\_

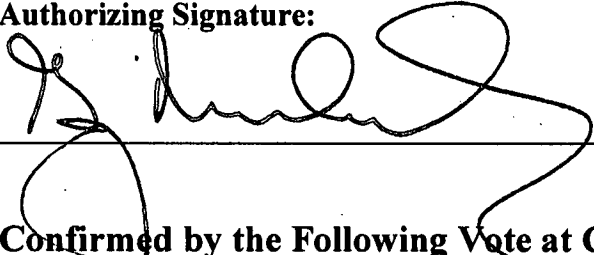

## Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
9-28-09	Confirmed	8-0

7.27.09  
**Date Filed with City Clerk**

By 

**City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment**

<b>Name:</b> <b>Arthur Shwab</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <b>Capitol Hill</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98102</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <b>253-312-7292</b>
<b>Appointed to:</b> <b>Seattle Human Rights Commission</b>		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <b>July 27, 2009</b>
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392</b>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From: Confirmation</b> <b>To: July 22, 2010</b>
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Greg Nickels</b>
<b>Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council</b>		
<b>In Favor:</b> <u>8</u>	<b>Against:</b> <u>0</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>9-28-09</u>
<b>Attested by:</b> 		<b>Title:</b>

## SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**15 MEMBERS**      7 Appointed by the Mayor  
                          7 Appointed by City Council  
                          1 Appointed by the Commission  
                          2-year terms

**1 MEMBER**      Get Engaged Program - Appointed by Mayor  
                          1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
(2) Charles Hodges	8-13-07	7-22-09	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
( ) Vacant (J Wheeler)		7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
( ) Vacant (M Chavez)		7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(3) Alexandra Davis	2008	7-22-09	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(6) Andrew Lewis	2008	7-22-09	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(2) Mica Powers	2008	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(1) Jesse Aspuria	2008	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
 (6) Arthur Shwab	7-30-09	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(6) Mike Peters	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Damien Carter	2008	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(5) Lubna Mahadeen	1-8-07	7-22-10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Marvin Stern	7-30-09	7-22-09	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(4) Christopher Stearns	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Merri Ann Osborne	2-19-08	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
 (6) Roslyn Solomon	2008	7-22-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Commission
(1) Amie Phu Do	9-9-08	9-9-09	1 <sup>st</sup>	Get Engaged Program

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latino/a	Native-American	Middle-East	Caucasian
Mayor	5	2	0	4	0	2	0	1	1	3
Council	3	2	2	4	1	2	1	0	0	1
Comm.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GE program	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	6	2	9	2	4	1	1	1	5

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Gregory J. Nickels  
Mayor of Seattle

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 27, 2009

**TO:** The Honorable Richard Conlin  
President, Seattle City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Greg Nickels 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments and Reappointment to Seattle Human Rights Commission

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following three appointments to the Human Rights Commission for two-year terms.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Mike Peters	7-22-2011	Commissioner	Wilberforce Agyekum
Arthur Shwab	7-22-2010	Commissioner	Brahmy Poologasingham
Christopher Stearns	7-22-2011	Commissioner	Michael Fitch

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is composed of 16 members: 7 appointed by the City Council, 7 appointed by the Mayor, 1 appointed by the Commission itself, and 1 Get Engaged Member. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Human Rights Commission including the new appointees.

The appointment bios for all new appointees are as follows:

### Mike Peters

Dr. Peters works as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, where he serves as lead on a program addressing needs of immigrant youth in the juvenile justice system. He has training in mediation, human rights law, poverty law, and disability law as well as experience as representative on national and international governing bodies, including the Paralympic Games Board U.S. Delegation. Dr. Peters is a prior UW faculty member who holds a J.D. and a Ph.D.

### Arthur Shwab

Mr. Shwab came to the U.S. as a refugee from Russia, which has inspired him to serve the immigrant community in a wide range of capacities, including legal aid, mentoring, and

community organizing. Mr. Shwab has engaged in extensive travel, having served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration, managed a food program in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and studied abroad in Israel and Spain. Mr. Shwab is a graduate and current law student at Seattle University. Mr. Shwab speaks Russian, Spanish, and Hebrew.

**Christopher Stearns**

Mr. Stearns practices federal Indian law specializing in the representation of tribes on sovereignty, energy, labor relations, bond authority, and campaign law. Mr. Stearns previously served as Director for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy, as advisor to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (then Secretary of the Department of Energy) on legislative and oversight matters affecting Native Americans, and as Democratic Counsel to the Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives.

**Attachments**

cc: Felicia Yearwood-Murrell, Commission Liaison  
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission  
Kristine Kertson, Administrator, Boards and Commissions, Mayor's Office

# ARTHUR A. SHWAB

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## EDUCATION

### Seattle University School of Law

*Juris Doctor* expected May 2011

- ♦ Diversity Scholarship Recipient 2008-2010
- ♦ Elected SBA Council Member: Law Alumni Representative 2009-2010
- ♦ Access to Justice Institute: clinic on cultural competency and working with interpreters, Oct. 2008
- ♦ Trina Grillo Retreat on International Law and Human Rights, Stanford Law School, Feb. 2009

### Seattle University

*Bachelor of Arts, International Studies/Politics Major, Spanish Minor*, June 2002 – Dec. 2006

- ♦ President's List 2006, Dean's List 2003, 2006
- ♦ Study Abroad at **University of Granada** in Andalusia, Spain, Aug. 2003 – Dec. 2003
- ♦ Study Abroad at **Ben-Gurion University** in Beer Sheva, Israel, Aug. 2004 – June 2005

## EXPERIENCE

### Bush, Strout & Kornfeld, Seattle, WA, May 2009 – Present

*Summer Associate*

- ♦ Research legal issues of Federal Bankruptcy law and Washington State law.
- ♦ Assist with and observe debt restructure and reorganization and motions in court.

### Catholic Refugee & Immigration Services, Seattle, WA, April 2007 – June 2008

*Immigration Case Manager / Legal Assistant*

- ♦ Assisted low-income clients with family-based immigration issues, managing 60-80 active cases.
- ♦ Conducted outreach to Russian-speaking community, networked with service providers around the State.
- ♦ Training: Family-based Immigration Law by CLINIC, Portland, OR, June 2007.

### World Affairs Council of Seattle, April 2008

*Assistant for Open World Rule of Law Program For Kazakhstan*

- ♦ Served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration.

### Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, Sept. 2006 – April 2007

*Accounting Assistant*

- ♦ Maintained donor database. Prepared accounting reports. Entered and coded data.

### Think Tank on Middle East Policy under direction of Dr. Yossi Olmert, New York, NY, June 2006 – Aug. 2006

*Media & Strategic Communications Fellow*

- ♦ Organized press conferences with Israeli Envoy to UN; Ambassador Dan Gillerman.
- ♦ Conducted research on media coverage of Middle East politics; functioned as Russian language specialist.

### Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 2005 – March 2006

*Socioeconomic Development Intern*

- ♦ Created the Annual Public Summary of Activities in English and Spanish.
- ♦ Managed community rural development projects: USDA Food For Education and Water & Sanitation.
- ♦ Conducted interviews, arranged teams, and administered orientation & training sessions for new hires.

### Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Washington, DC, June 2005 – Aug. 2005

*Public Policy and Legislative Affairs Intern*

- ♦ Advocated for immigrant & refugee rights by meeting with partner orgs, writing reports, organizing events.
- ♦ Reported on congressional hearings and coalition meetings with lobby groups.

## OTHER

- ♦ **Photography:** Photo essays exhibited around Seattle, May 2006 – Present

## LANGUAGES

- ♦ **Russian** – mother tongue
- ♦ **Spanish** – proficient
- ♦ **Hebrew** – conversational